



Open Space Committee

Date: Thursday, May 27, 2021.

Time: 7:30 PM.

Location: Conducted by Zoom remote participation

Meeting Minutes

Present: Ann LeRoyer, Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Brian Kelder, Wendy Richter, David White, Emily Sullivan, Zach Vaillette, Krista Moravec (Horsley Witten), Lena Porell (Horsley Witten), Anna Henkin

Absent: Emily Nink, Teresa DeBenedictis, John Pickle, Phil Lasker

1. Open Space and Recreation Plan (2015-2022)
 - a. The Committee reviewed a draft agenda for the first OSRP Update virtual workshop which is scheduled for Thursday, June 10 at 7-8:30 pm.
 - b. The Committee discussed stakeholder outreach and advertisement for the workshop. Committee members assigned themselves to conduct email outreach directly to the stakeholders, including Town boards/committees, recreation groups, friends groups, neighborhood organizations, etc.
 - c. The Committee discussed submitting press releases to the Arlington Advocate, Your Arlington, Arlington List, and Patch. Ann will follow up on those. Emily will coordinate with the Town for ACMi to provide additional outreach for the workshop. The workshop will also be posted on the Town website/social media and posted through Town notices.
 - d. The Committee discussed conducting more targeted outreach by posting flyers at parks. Emily and Zach will coordinate locations.
 - e. Horsley Witten stated that they could help track public comments that come into the OSRPUpdate email address during the update process.
 - f. The Committee discussed the workshop details. The workshop will begin with an introduction from the OSC and Park and Rec, and overview of the OSRP update process, and examples of successful implementations and other achievements from the current OSRP. Attendees will then be placed into breakout rooms, where they will discuss recreation or open space. The breakout room format will allow for more pointed discussions about what attendees think of current recreation/open space amenities, what could be improved, and what other amenities should be prioritized. Each breakout room will be facilitated by a HW staff member, and an OSC member or Park & Recreation Commission member will provide support/notetaking. After the breakout rooms, the attendees will reenter the main room for a debrief and summary of next steps.
2. Review/approve Minutes of April 29, 2021
 - a. Minutes of the April 29 meeting were reviewed and approved by all members present.

3. Updates: CPA/CDBG projects

- a. The Committee reviewed the open space and recreation projects endorsed by the CPA Committee to Town Meeting for FY2022 grant awarding. These projects include: renovating the Spy Pond North Beach Ramp with porous pavement material, renovating Spy Pond Park Playground, developing a Town-wide Public Land Management Plan, develop a Minuteman Bikeway plan, renovating Hurd Field, and replacing the Robbins Farm Park slides.
- b. The Res Phase 2 project has contracted SumCo to complete the perimeter, beach, and playground work. The project is ongoing and will continue through the end of the calendar year.
- c. The Wellington Park project is in final contracting with Cassidy Landscaping to conduct the work. Construction will begin end of June/early July.

4. Other News and Reports

- a. Mugar/Thorndike Place: The next hearing for the Thorndike Place comprehensive permit is scheduled for 6/10/2021.
- b. Mirak/1165R Mass Ave: The next hearing for the 1165R Mass Ave comprehensive permit is scheduled for 6/1/2021.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 PM.

2021 Meeting Dates (usually 4th Thursday of the month but note exceptions): June 24, July 22, August 26, September 23, October 28, November 11, December 9 (due to holidays)

Submitted by
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